



CUSHION TORSO COVER

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present inventors referred to a Bibbellow is a cushioned torso covering for an adult/parent/babysitter to wear while rocking, burping, feeding, and holding an infant. It is filled / padded and is fastened around the back of the neck, can be tightened around the waist for the right fit, and covers the entire front torso and front/back of shoulders. The entire front of the covering is filled / padded (pillow like qualities) to provide comfort and protection for both the infant and the adult. The infant is protected from zippers, snaps, buttons, jewelry, collar bones, dirty clothing and is comforted by the feel of the padding. The adult wearing this product is further protected from spit up and is more comfortable while holding the infant.

The entire covering is machine washable and dryable. It is made of a choice of fabrics such as 100% cotton, cotton/polyester blend, polyester, polyester derivative, nylon or a variety of other washable and comfortable fabrics. The fill will be either 100% polyester, 100% cotton or a cotton/poly blend. The neck and waist fasteners will have the option of being tied together or closed using VELCRO® or other types of hook and latch fasteners. Future versions may include snaps, buttons or eye hooks. The current size is 30 inches wide at it's widest points and 33 inches long at its longest points and would be considered a large size. Sizes will range from small to x-large to appropriately fit body types.

Being a product made of fabric for wearing, the process of making it is a sewing machine. A sheet(s) of fill is sewn directly in between the two outer sides. The sewing of the filling reinforces it so that it does not migrate (as some blankets do) and leave lumps of fill after washing. The ties and fasteners are reinforced for durability during use and washing.

1. After a patent and product search, no such patent covering a padded torso covering for infant/adult protection was found. The only remotely related products are burp cloths which fall off your shoulder and offer no added comfort or protection for the infant or adult. A number of cloth body type coverings were found during the patent search: Cloth body coverings having

multi-cycle refastenable tape closure systems (U.S. Patent #5,593,750); Bib with securing device for securing about torso (U.S. Patent #6,405,374); Post operative vest with pillow enclosure (U.S. Patent #6,256,790); Disposable garment-protecting cover for use when holding infants (U.S. Patent #6,345,392). But none of the uses or designs of the Bibbellow™ are included in any found.

This application claims priority to provisional Patent application #: 60/408,984

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION:

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This invention is a result of there not being any products available that one can use to protect and comfort both an infant while being held and the adult holding the infant. The infant is protected from zippers, snaps, buttons, jewelry, collar bones, dirty clothing and is comforted by the feel of the padding. The adult wearing this product is further protected from spit up and is more comfortable while holding the infant. This product doubles as a comfort item because its pillow like qualities offer a comfortable place for baby to rest. In addition, fabrics prints chosen will offer baby stimulation while awake which promotes development.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING:

The Drawing illustrates a front plan view of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION:

The present invention is a cushioned torso covering for an adult/parent/babysitter to wear while rocking, burping, feeding, and holding an infant. It is filled / padded and is fastened around the back of the neck by a hook and latch closure, can be tightened around the waist with ties 3 for the right fit, and covers the entire front torso and front/back of shoulders with flaps 2. The entire front of the covering is filled with padding 5 to provide comfort and protection for the infant. The infant is protected from zippers, snaps, buttons, jewelry, collar bones, dirty clothing and is comforted by the feel of the padding. The adult wearing this product is further protected from spit up and is more comfortable while holding the infant. The fabric prints also stimulate baby while awake.

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